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**AMENDMENT B**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2007, the Applicants, through  
their attorney, respond as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.